

The Evil Of Nuclear Power

Near the end of World War II, President Truman felt an overwhelming need for more and more powerful weapons and when the Atom Bomb was developed, he felt a compulsion to drop it on Japan. Since then governments in affluent countries like the United States, Britain, Germany, Japan—and the former USSR, were so astonished at its potential that from that day forth unhesitatingly poured men and money into the technology in a mad rush to develop it further. But today, too many accidents have caused people to believe that nuclear arms, rather than being a quick solution to conflicts, is a lasting problem. Therefore for two nations to take up warring positions is a serious matter, but when the countries are member nations of SAARC, the fear of a nuclear conflict becomes very personal for none of us wants a war "on our turf." It is not as if these two countries do not know what they are doing, as from the start governments have been fully aware the Atom Bomb has a potential for disaster, but intent on increasing their fighting power, both countries have ignored the potential as if it did not exist.

It is not enough to say we fear for ourselves, as we also fear for the people of India and Pakistan if these two countries do go to war. None of us living in this region are likely to be spared once this terror is unleashed, as the nuclear cloud will float across skies to engulf us all. It is therefore very important for these countries to understand that no longer can any country be allowed to jeopardize the well being of its people and the people of neighbouring countries. There is therefore a greater need than ever for their governments to rein in their warriors and work instead to bring peace, progress and stability to the region. Thus we expect the leaders to act with restraint. Why neither side wants to resolve issues without sabre rattling is beyond comprehension and the recent tit-for-tat tests can only be seen in this light. Our one hope is the world will not sit idly by when these countries kill our future. We cannot allow this conflict to blow out of proportion. It is not enough to sit on the fence, as this is one conflict world leaders must not allow.